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1. COMMERCE/MEPD WAS CONTACTED BY PHOENIX INTERNATIONAL (PI) REGARDING SUBJECT TENDERS.PI HAS BEEN HEAVILY INVOLVED IN RECENT IBRD GOIC PROJECT SINCE IT IS REPRESENTING NORTH ELECTRIC ON THAT JOB. PHOENIX NOW ADVISES THAT THEY HAVE CLIENTS IN THE WIRE AND CABLE AREA

WHICH HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING GOIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROJECTS FOR OVER A YEAR. PI HAD BEEN ADVISED DURING THE PAST MONTHS BY IBRD THAT TENDERS FOR OUTSIDE PLANT AND OTHER PORTIONS OF PROJECT WOULD BE HELD UP UNTIL THE TELEPHONE UNCLASSIFIED

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SWITCHING PORTION PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN CLEARED UP. PI HAS JUST READ IN JANUARY 4, 1977 COMMERCE BUSINESS DAILY THAT THREE TENDERS COVERING CABLE, TELEX AND MICROWAVE HAVE BEEN ISSUED (BY REFTELS A, B AND ONE OTHER) WITH BID DEADLINES OF JANUARY 29, FEBRUARY 26 AND APRIL 5 RESPECTIVELY. PI ALSO SAYS IBRD NORMALLY ALLOWS 90 DAYS FOR BIDDING.

2. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, PI REQUESTS EMBASSY COMMENTS AS TO: (A) DO SHORT BID DEADLINES INDICATE PRESELECTION OF FRENCH OR OTHERS, (B) DO U.S. FIRMS HAVE REALISTIC CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE, AND (C) DOES EMBASSY HAVE ANY INFO AS TO WHETHER THREE TENDERS WILL IN FACT BE FINANCED BY IBRD? ANSWERS TO ABOVE WILL INDICATE WHETHER PI WILL SEEK BID DATE EXTENSION. KISSINGER

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